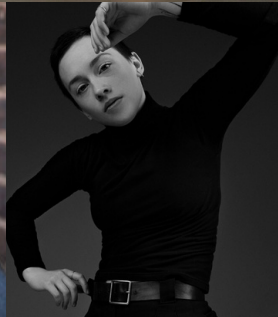


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## NATIONAL COVERAGE

FCSD received national recognition for our adult programming in the Dance Current, a Canadian dance publication.

## WELCOME

With two new staff members comes new expertise and classes to FCSD! We'd like to extend a huge welcome to Gina Grant and Sarah Power.

## RECITAL PLANS

**Something to uplift our spirits**

Let's get excited! The New Year brings new creative ventures for our teachers and students.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SHELBY HARNISH AND MS.EMELIA AND MS.ANNA!

We are so proud to announce that FCSD street Jazz and adult heels teacher, Shelby Harnish, has been recognized for her efforts in her creative field. The New Brunswick Arts Council has awarded Shelby with her first creation grant. She was one of three dance artists in the province to receive this recognition. Congratulations on this success Shelby!

Ms. Emelia and Ms. Anna were Connection Dance Work's (CDW) emerging artists this fall and they created an original piece under the mentorship of Sarah Power. The work was performed to a sold out audience at the BMO theatre on Dec.4th as part of CDW's PERSPECTIVE show. This is a huge milestone for them. We are proud of them for their commitment and passionate dedication to the art form. Bravo ladies!



Shelby Harnish  
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Image from Dance Current

## RECITAL 2022

Mary Poppins would boast that many things are practically perfect in every way! But let's be honest, this has been a challenging couple of years and with the looming threat of Covid still weighing on all of us, it's time for some uplifting news.

The FCSD teaching staff have been busy planning this year's recital, tentatively booked for June 11th. Our primary and junior ballet school will be performing an original ballet based on the story of Mary Poppins. Dancers will begin learning and creating choreography starting as early as January. All of our other class styles and our intermediate and senior ballet school will be performing selected works inspired in collaboration with their teachers.

Recital is a magical time for dancers and our inaugural recital will be full of splendor, imagination and wonder. *"There's a full world at our feet."*, Bert.



Saturday's Toddler Moves and Grooves (City)

## WELCOME!

Two new staff members bring with them education and experience to our FCSD family. Welcome Sarah Power and Gina Grant!

Sarah has been working as an independent dance artist and teacher since graduating from the Dance Performance Program at Ryerson University in 2001. She is an experienced ballet and contemporary teacher along with being a celebrated Canadian dance artist recognized by artsnb and the Canada Council for the Arts. Sarah will be teaching Toddler Moves and Grooves, Creative Ballet, Int/Adv Ballet, Beginning Teen Contemporary, Adult Ballet and Express Barre.

Gina Grant is a graduate of l'École de Danse Contemporaine de Montréal. Gina has worked as a professional dancer for many Montreal choreographers and continues to hone her craft. Gina's teaching is focused on giving dancers the tools to better understand their bodies for optimum movement and performance potential. Gina will be teaching Body Prep to our int/adv. dancers as well as Express Barre.

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

We were honoured to be featured in The Dance Current about the rise in adult participation in dance. A big thanks to our adult dance community at FCSD. It was their enthusiasm for dance that brought on this attention! We never expected to be running 10 adult dance classes after 4 months of opening. We love the passion, joy and energy our adult community brings to class. Click on the link below to read the full article. <https://thedancecurrent.com/news/adult-classes-on-the-east-coast-boom-after-covid-19-lockdowns/>